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Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy
Re: VA Bakersfield

Dear Mr. McCarthy,

My company SASD Development Group was awarded the VA slated for Bakersfield on September 28th, 2018, nearly one year ago. We held our kickoff meeting with the VA stakeholders in early October of 2018 and the project was off to a great start.

On October 10th, 2018, we received a stop work notice from VA due to size protest filed with SBA by the incumbent VA Lessor in Bakersfield. This group provided SBA with nothing short of lies and innuendo about my partner and myself and suddenly we found ourselves in the grips of the Small Business Administration. The process was a nightmare and we were forced to hire legal representation to prove that we were in fact a Small Business. We succeeded and were found to be a Small Business.

On February 14th, 2019, having just resolved the SBA matter at great cost both monetarily and emotionally, VA reached out and scheduled our 2nd kickoff meeting with all of the VA stakeholders. We convened all of our team members (architects, engineers, project managers) and met with VA and restarted work on the project on or about February 26th.

On March 6th, 2019, VA issued another stop work notice due to additional court filings by the incumbent VA Lessor in Bakersfield. All work has been stopped since this date on the project. Per the accompany letter from our legal counsel, you can see the extent of legal maneuvering by the incumbent, at our expense, to delay this project. Every day of delay is a day of additional rent collected by the incumbent.

In the interim, we've had to continue to pay to keep the land option alive since we've had not formal direction from VA.

We do appreciate all of the help your office has provided along the way.

Respectfully,



Steven Doctor